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TITLE: VERTICAL MIXER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of the present application, and prior to an initial Official Action on this matter, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

On page 1, line 1, delete "Description" and insert therefor --VERTICAL MIXER--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, line 3, delete "The invention" and insert therefor

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention--.

On page 1, line 6, before "A machine" insert

-- 2. Description of Related Art--.

On page 1, line 7, delete "patent DE-23-34 789 A1 or the patent DE 26 38 112 A1." and insert therefor --German Patent No. 23 34 789 and German Patent No. 26 38 112.--.

On page 1, line 13, delete "8-shaped" and insert therefor --figure-eight shaped--.

On page 1, line 18, before "The purpose of the" and insert therefor --BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 1, line 43, delete "on the other hand".

On page 2, lines 22-23, delete "or also, however," and insert therefor --or--.

On page 2, line 42, delete "time are" and insert therefor --time, that are--.

On page 2, line 42, delete "other are" and insert therefor --other, are--.

On page 3, line 1, delete "in that" and insert therefor --because--.

On page 3, line 15, delete "circumference of the".

On page 3, line 24, before "Additional advantage" insert

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS--.

On page 3, line 25, delete "description" and insert therefor --drawings--.

On page 3, line 25, delete "Shown are:".

On page 3, line 27, delete "a section" and insert therefor --is a sectional--.

On page 3, line 28, delete "invention;" and insert therefor --invention.--.

On page 3, line 29, delete "a view" and insert therefor --is a top view--.

On page 3, line 29, delete "invention;" and insert therefor --invention.--.

On page 3, line 30, delete "a schematic diagram" and insert therefor --is a diagrammatic illustration--.

On page 3, line 31, delete "blades;" and insert therefor --blades.--.

TOP SECRET

On page 3, line 32, delete "a section" and insert therefor --is a sectional--.

On page 3, line 32, delete "a special" and insert therefor --an alternative--.

On page 3, line 33, delete "machine;" and insert therefor --machine.--.

On page 3, line 34, delete "a view" and insert therefor --is a cross-sectional view--.

On page 3, line 36, before "Figure 1 shows" insert

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION--.

On page 3, line 36, delete "cut side" and insert therefor --cross-sectional--.

On page 4, line 12, delete "also".

On page 4, line 41, delete "- In" and insert therefor --In--.

On page 5, line 3, delete "however,".

On page 5, line 4, delete "instead, also".

On page 5, line 16, delete "is settling" and insert therefor --settles--.

IN THE CLAIMS

On page 7, line 1, delete "Patent Claims" and insert therefor

--CLAIMS

I claim:--.

In Claim 1, line 1, delete "with" and insert therefor --comprising--.

In Claim 1, line 4, delete "after the" and insert therefor --a--.

In Claim 1, line 4, delete "a second" and insert therefor --and a second--.

In Claim 1, line 4, delete "is" and insert therefor --are--.

In Claim 8, line 1, delete "in particular".

In Claim 8, line 1, delete "the generic concept of".

In Claim 8, lines 3-4, delete "characterized in that the" and insert therefor --wherein said--.

In Claim 8, line 4, delete "and is" and insert therefor --and wherein said spiral is further--.

In Claim 9, line 3, delete "at least individual" and insert therefor --said--.

In Claim 10, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert therefor --wherein said--.

In Claim 12, lines 2-3, delete "characterized in that at least a few" and insert therefor
--wherein said--.

In Claim 16, line 2, delete "characterized in that" and insert therefor --further comprising--.

In Claim 16, line 3, delete "is arranged that is".

Please delete any multiple dependencies not previously accounted for.

IN THE ABSTRACT

On page 9, line 1, delete "Abstract" and insert therefor
--ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--.

On page 9, line 6, delete "The invention involves a" and insert therefor --A--.

On page 9, line 13, delete "comprised" and insert therefor --formed--.

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment has been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a more proper U.S. format. The application is a translation of a German priority document. Certain grammatical and idiomatic inconsistencies have been corrected by amendment

to the specification, and the application is corrected for certain typographical errors found in the originally submitted application. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

The specification has been amended so as to add the proper headings before the various sections of the application.

The claims have been amended so as to insert the proper subject heading.

The Abstract has been amended so as to conform with U.S. requirements.

The claims and abstract have been amended so as to conform with U.S. requirements.

Applicant respectfully requests that the present Amendment be entered prior to an initial Official Action on the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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